

## **DNR FLOOD REPORT UPDATE**

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DNR finished a coordinated effort Saturday with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assess flood damage at 106 privately owned high hazard dams in a 20-county area of southern Indiana.

As a result of the checks, emergency actions were taken at seven sites. The actions included lowering water levels and notifying nearby residents of potential danger should the dams fail.

Patton Lake in Morgan County and three other sites were checked on Saturday, completing the damage assessments that began Tuesday.

High hazard is one of three rating categories for dams. A dam is rated “high hazard” if its failure may cause the loss of life and serious damage to homes, industrial and commercial buildings, public utilities, major highways, or railroads. The DNR regulates about 250 high hazard dams statewide and requires the owners of such structures to conduct a formal inspection once every two years.

The spot checks done this past week were not formal inspections.

Prince’s North Lake dam (Johnson County), Fish Hatchery Lake (Morgan County), Bandee Road dam (Owen) were placed on the “emergency action” list Thursday. Earlham and Roger Young lakes (Johnson) and Loudermilk and Lower Spring (Morgan) were added Friday.